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2. () Applicant claims small entity status
See 37 CFR 1.27
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 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
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 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
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 - Detailed Description
 - Claims
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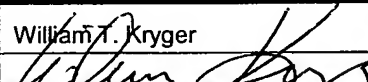
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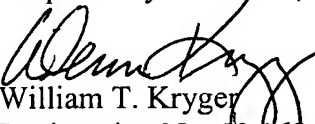
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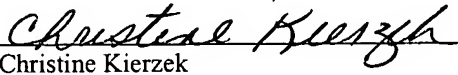
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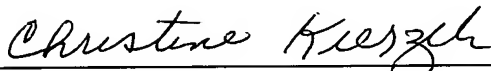

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